

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 9, 1893.

To the Honorable EDWARD HAWKINS, *Chairman,*
ROBERT F. CATTERSON,
WILLIAM A. SULLIVAN,
Board of Public Safety:

GENTLEMEN—I desire to submit to you my second annual report as Superintendent of Police for the year ending December 31, 1892, for your consideration.

In submitting my second annual report it affords me very great pleasure to state that our city is comparatively free from what is termed the criminal element or class. This is due to the vigilance and industry of our officers, and particularly the Detective Department. A prevention of, is far better than a punishment for crime. It is therefore a standing order to all officers connected with this department that they arrest on sight any well known professional thieves of any character. They are sent to the work house for thirty, sixty, or ninety days, and when released from that institution they fail to return to the city.

During the year the laws and ordinances in reference to gambling were strictly enforced, and there are now in the city no known faro banks, poker rooms, crap games, or other games of chance of like character. They have been rigidly stamped out and prohibited, and the city is free from this class of vice.

To fully comprehend the important work that has been accomplished by this department during the year I respectfully solicit the attention of your honorable Board to the amount of stolen property that has been recovered; the record that has been made by this department challenges that of any city in the Union; the record is made and submitted to you. Of the success or failure of the work you and the public are competent to judge.

STATISTICS.

In the statistical portion of my report will be found a full and complete tabulated statement of all arrests made in the city, stolen property recovered or found. The record of lost children, of girls recovered from houses of prostitution, will be found in the Police Matron's report, and the entire police work of this department during the year is covered by these statistical statements.

DISCIPLINE.

The established rule of discipline adopted at the reorganization of the department two years ago has been kept up; some few violations of the rules have occurred, which were immediately reported to your honorable

Board for adjustment. I desire to congratulate the Captains and Sergeants in their efforts to enforce the rules and regulations of this department, and the patrolmen in their willingness to obey the orders of their superiors.

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATROLMEN.

The steady growth of the city very often overtakes the capacity of this department, and I think we have arrived at the time when an increase of twenty-five or thirty men is essentially necessary. Daily I am compelled to assign men to special duty, which necessarily enforces a neglect of their regular duties, which leaves whole districts at times with no protection. The residents are tax-payers and should at all times be under the immediate protection of this department.

SALARY.

Another important subject I wish to call the attention of your Honorable Board is the increase of the salaries of the members of this department. The wishes of your Board has always been to bring the members of this department up to a standard that far excels for neatness, cleanliness and general deportment, similar police departments of the larger cities of the Union. To attain this the officers are continually under expense of procuring various uniforms. There being three changes during the year, it requires a large portion of their salary for clothes. Four-fifths of the members are married and have families. It is needless for me to argue further, when you take into consideration their salary is but sixty dollars a month, and the sergeants and captains receive little more, and are expected to be extra particular in the matter of clothes and gentlemanly bearing, so as to set a good example to the men under their charge.

DEATHS.

During the year the department met with an irreparable loss in the death of the late patrolman Jennings Pierson. His efficient service as patrolman and good judgment are greatly missed by this department.

PATROL SERVICE.

The patrol service consists of two patrol wagons—one open and one covered. Both wagons are in fair condition. Also five horses, which are in good condition, two of them having been purchased in the past year.

PATROL OR TELEPHONE BOXES.

The number of patrol or telephone boxes in use by the department is thirteen, located as follows:

- Box No. 2—Corner Ninth Street and Columbia Avenue.
- Box No. 3—Mississippi and First Streets.
- Box No. 4—Sanders and East Street.
- Box No. 5—Fort Wayne and Christian Avenues.
- Box No. 6—Washington and West Streets.
- Box No. 7—Washington and Davidson Streets.
- Box No. 8—Massachusetts Avenue near Little Depot.
- Box No. 9—Elizabeth and Blake Streets.
- Box No. 10—McCarty Street first alley west of Meridian.
- Box No. 11—McCarty and East Streets.
- Box No. 12—Virginia Avenue and Prospect Streets.
- Box No. 13—Yellow Bridge and Indiana Avenue.

This number is wholly insufficient to the needs of this department. I respectfully recommend that the number of patrol telephones be increased to thirty.

STABLE.

I respectfully call the attention of your Honorable Board and urge upon you the extreme necessity of making a change in the stable and patrol wagon room. The present quarters now occupied are cramped and wholly unsatisfactory. If additional quarters could be secured for stabling and patrol wagon and space so occupied now converted into roll call room and a more fitting doorman's office, it would vastly improve and facilitate the work at headquarters and rid the building of foul odors and unhealthy atmosphere that is a menace to the lives of the employes whose duties compel them to spend twelve hours daily in a disease-breeding atmosphere.

SERGEANTS' DIVISIONS.

The city is also divided into six Sergeants' Divisions, comprising the following Patrolmen Districts:

- Sergeant's Division No. 1 consists of Patrolmen Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- Sergeant's Division No. 2 consists of Patrolmen Districts 13, 5 and 6.

Sergeant's Division No. 3 consists of Patrolmen Districts 11, 12, 14 and 15.

Sergeant's Division No. 4 consists of Patrolmen Districts 8, 9, 10 and 7.

Sergeant's Division No. 5 consists of Patrolmen Districts 16, 17 and 18.

Sergeant's Division No. 6 consists of Patrolmen Districts 19, 20 and 21.

Six Sergeants are required to do night duty and two day duty.

POLICE DISTRICTS.

The city at present is divided into twenty-five regular police districts, bounded as follows :

- DISTRICT No. 1. South—Christian and Clifford Avenues.
West —College Avenue.
East —Corporation Line.
North—Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 2. South—First and St. Mary Streets.
North—Corporation Line.
West —Pennsylvania Street.
East —College Avenue.
- DISTRICT No. 3. South—St. Clair Street.
West —Mississippi Street.
East —Pennsylvania Street.
North—Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 4. South—St. Clair and Indiana Avenue.
East —Mississippi Street.
North—Corporation Line.
West —Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 5. South—New York Street.
North—St. Clair and Indiana Avenue.
East —West Street.
West —Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 6. South—New York Street.
North—St. Clair Street.
West —West Street.
East —Pennsylvania Street.
- DISTRICT No. 7. South—New York Street.
North—First and St. Mary Streets.
West —Pennsylvania Street.
East —Noble and Plum Streets.
- DISTRICT No. 8. South—New York Street.
North—Christian and Clifford Avenues.
West —Noble and Plum Streets.
East —Corporation Line.

- DISTRICT No. 9. North—New York Street.
South—Louisiana Street and Big 4 Railroad.
West —Noble Street.
East —Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 10. North—New York Street.
South—Louisiana Street and Big 4 Railroad.
East —Noble Street.
West —Alabama Street.
- DISTRICT No. 11. South—Washington Street.
North—New York Street.
East —Alabama Street.
West —Illinois Street.
- DISTRICT No. 12. South—Washington Street.
North—New York Street.
East —Illinois Street.
West —West Street.
- DISTRICT No. 13. North—New York Street.
South—Vandalia Railroad.
East —West Street.
West —Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT No. 14. North—Washington Street.
South—Louisiana Street.
East —Illinois Street.
West —West Street.
- DISTRICT No. 15. North—Washington Street.
South—Louisiana Street.
West —Illinois Street.
East —Alabama Street.
- DISTRICT No. 16. East —Meridian Street.
West —Corporation Line.
North—Louisiana Street and Vandalia Railroad.
South—McCarty Street.
- DISTRICT No. 17. East —East Street.
West —Meridian Street.
South—McCarty Street.
North—Louisiana Street and Big 4 Railroad.
- DISTRICT No. 18. West —East Street.
East —Corporation Line.
South—McCarty Street, Virginia Avenue and Prospect Street.
North—Louisiana Street and Big 4 Railroad.
- DISTRICT No. 19. West —East Street.
East —Corporation Line.
South—Corporation Line.
North—McCarty St., Virginia Ave. and Prospect St.

- DISTRICT NO. 20. North—McCarty Street.
 South—Corporation Line.
 East —East Street.
 West —Meridian Street.
- DISTRICT NO. 21. North—McCarty Street.
 East —Meridian Street.
 South—Corporation Line.
 West —Corporation Line.
- DISTRICT NO. 22. Corner Illinois and Washington Streets.
- DISTRICT NO. 23. All Washington Street between Illinois and Meridian Streets, including corner Meridian and Washington Streets.
- DISTRICT NO. 24. All Washington Street between Meridian and Pennsylvania Streets, including corner Pennsylvania and Washington Streets and Virginia Avenue.
- DISTRICT NO. 25. All Pennsylvania Street between Washington and Ohio Streets.

For each police district it requires three patrolmen, one on day and two at night, with the exception of Districts 22, 23, 24 and 25, which are day districts.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to return my thanks to the Honorable Thomas L. Sullivan, our worthy Mayor, for his kind treatment and encouragement during the past year; I also desire on behalf of myself and brother officers to thank your Honorable Board and your efficient Clerk, J. L. F. Steeg, for the assistance and help that has on all occasions been extended the Police department, and to Captains Quigley and Dawson, Sergeants Kurtz, Barlow, Lowe, Mefford, Wilson, Hyland, Laporte, Hagedorn and Police Matron Buchanan, also the rank and file of the force for their earnest endeavor to maintain peace, quiet, discipline and good order in our city.

Respectfully,

THOS. F. COLBERT,

Superintendent of Police.